

Overview: Level of Care For Adults

Indiana, Family and
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What is Level of Care?

A Nursing Facility Level of Care (LOC) assessment is a way to measure care needs that must be met to go to a Medicaid nursing facility or to access long-term care services and supports from Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waiver services (HCBS). Indiana's HCBS Waivers available for adults who meet Nursing Facility LOC include:

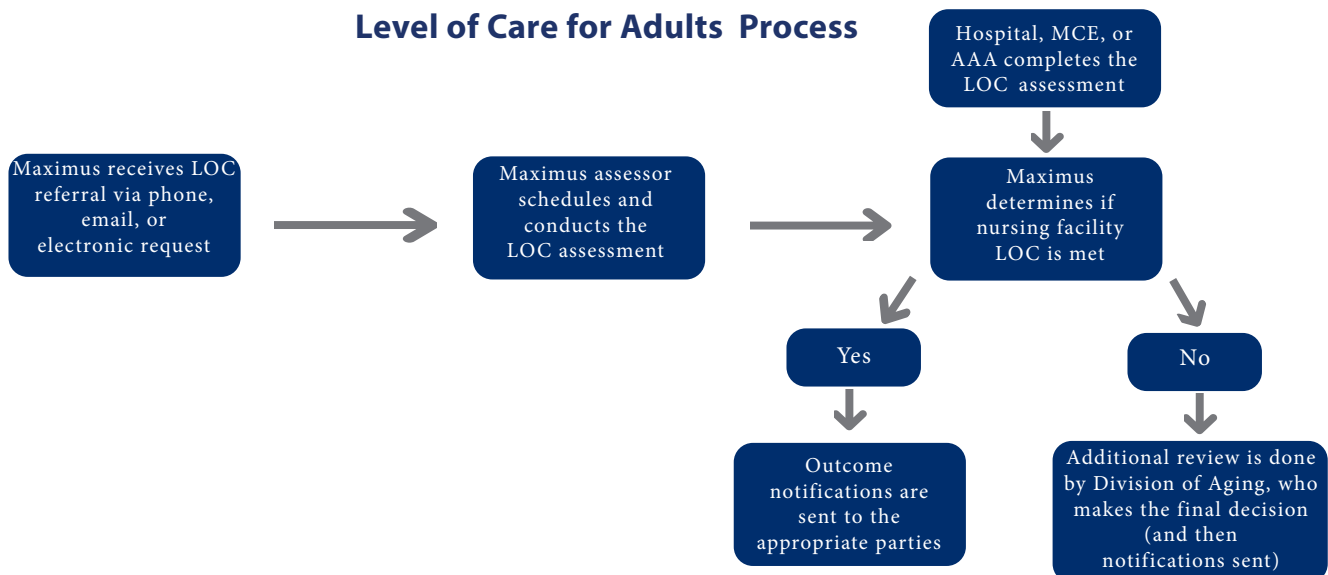
- PathWays for Aging Waiver for adults who are 60 years of age or older
- Health and Wellness Waiver for adults under age 60
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver for adults that have a TBI diagnosis

States use assessment tools of their choice that measure a person's ability to do daily activities like bathing, dressing, and grooming, medical conditions a person has and what types of medical supports they need, and other areas of a person's health and support needs. This assessment helps to decide if level of care is met. The assessment used for these decisions in Indiana is the interRAI Home Care (HC). A person cannot access a nursing facility or HCBS if nursing facility LOC is not met as Medicaid will not pay for the service unless it is determined that they meet that LOC.

Nursing facility LOC assessments can happen in a person's home, a hospital, an assisted living facility, a nursing home, or any other setting where the person lives. Anyone in Indiana needing a nursing facility LOC assessment for nursing facility care or an HCBS Waiver will either:

- Receive an assessment by a provider such as a hospital (if admitted to the hospital and seeking nursing facility admission) or their local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) (if engaged in non-waiver services with the AAA and now in need of a nursing facility LOC determination) and Maximus will review the assessment and make a decision about whether nursing facility LOC is met, or
- Maximus will complete both the assessment and the decision as appropriate.

Level of Care for Adults Process



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